

Fenwick Island Town Council
Minutes of the Special Meeting of August 9, 2011

Approved 10.4.2011

Call to order and flag salute by Mayor Serio at 10:00 AM

Council Members Present: Langan, Bunting, Smallwood, Weistling, Carmean, Serio, Tingle

Council Members Absent: None

Others Present: Town Manager Abbott

Swearing in of Newly Elected Council Members – Secretary Diane Tingle

Sworn in for two-year term: Vicki Carmean, Gene Langan, Audrey Serio and Todd Smallwood

Election of Officers

Mayor, President of Council - Nomination for Audrey Serio presented by Council Member Bunting

Second - Council Member Smallwood

DISCUSSION

Council Member Carmean requested more legal information regarding the election process noting that the Town Charter appears to be silent regarding some procedural aspects. Mrs. Carmean advised that Todd Smallwood, Gene Langan and Gardner Bunting are the only members of council who filed to run for a seat on Council. She would support any of those three (3) as Mayor, President of Council. Mrs. Carmean would like the issue to be explored and the Town Charter corrected if needed. Council Member Serio expressed her belief that, once declared elected, members may continue in their position on Council until such time as they officially withdraw/resign and someone is appointed to fill the remainder of the term. Council Member Carmean requested a review of the Town Charter by the Charter and Ordinance Committee so that the public can better understand the procedure. Council Member Tingle advised that the Board of Elections signed an official document declaring the four members elected. Council Member Serio noted that the Town's election laws are tied in with State Elections laws and that, if there are any changes to the Fenwick Island election law, these changes must go to the State for action. Council Member Weistling added that the policy is that, if there is no election, members are free to resign so that Council may appoint a replacement and that once a member is sworn they remain until they resign or their term expires. Council Member Carmean advised that she understands that is spelled out in the Charter.

Vote- (6-1) Carmean – No

Audrey Serio elected as Mayor, President of Council

Treasurer – Nomination for Gardner Bunting presented by Council Member Langan

Second – Council Member Carmean

DISCUSSION – None

Vote – 7-0

Gardner Bunting elected as Treasurer

Secretary – Nomination for Diane Tingle presented by Council Member Carmean

Second – Council Member Langan

DISCUSSION – None

Vote – 7-0

Diane Tingle elected as Secretary

Vice-Mayor – Nomination for Todd Smallwood presented by Council Member Carmean

Second – Council Member Weistling

DISCUSSION – None

Vote – 7-0

Todd Smallwood elected as Vice-Mayor